

Torrance, California
June 2, 1958

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting at 5:30 P. M. Monday, June 2, 1958, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, and Isen.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jahn.

At the request of Mayor Isen, License Inspector Gale Whitacre led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend James Lowen of the Torrance Four Square Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council held May 27, 1958, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A May 27, 1958, letter from Alex Schreiber & Family, 21915 Western Ave., Torrance, signed by Max Schreiber, referred to rumors on 'No left turn' signs to be posted at each driveway of their bowling alley. They protested against the posting of such signs.

City Manager Stevens reported, in a memo appended to the letter, that this had been referred to the Traffic Commission and the Chief of Police.

The City Manager told the Council that Mr. Schreiber had called him today and asked the letter be withdrawn from the Agenda.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

2. A May 16, 1958, letter from Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel referred to a directive of the legislature referring to the San Diego Freeway, and especially that portion which runs through the 46th Assembly District.

Assemblyman Chapel suggested that the Council direct a query to the State Highway Commission, with copies to Mr. Telford, Chief Highway Engineer of Division No. 7, asking why this has not been carried out.

Councilman Benstead moved that the City Attorney prepare the proper Resolution to follow the suggestion.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Drale suggested that the Attorney contact the Inter-Cities Highway Committee, who may have such a Resolution prepared.

3. A May 12, 1958, letter from the United States Conference of Mayors, signed by Harry R. Betters, Executive Director, and directed to City Manager Stevens, submitted the information the Council had requested the City Manager to obtain.

There were no objections, and this was ordered filed as a matter of record.

4. A May 28, 1958, letter from the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association, signed by W. J. Hanson and Wm. Barclay, protested the amount of 'throw-away' advertising being put on property in that area, and asked that the City exercise more rigid control on such material.

Mayor Isen recalled that such control had been considered, and

that the suggestion had been referred to the City Attorney for preparation of a suitable Ordinance.

The City Attorney reported he had prepared an Ordinance at that time, copies of which he had with him and gave to the Council. He added that the Council had returned it to him without action of any kind having been taken then. He said the Ordinance he had prepared had prohibited such material except in genuine newspapers.

Councilman Beasley moved that the City Attorney present this Ordinance to the City Council at their next meeting for further consideration.

Mayor Isen felt this should have further study, saying he believed this Ordinance would prohibit 'advertising shoppers', which is not the intent of the City Council.

The City Attorney reported when this Ordinance was drafted, it had been thought that all such advertising should be stopped entirely.

License Inspector Whitacre told the Council that under our present ordinance governing the fees paid by those who distribute this material, there is a prohibition against certain nuisance practices, i.e., throwing more than one piece of the material on a property. He added that if failure to comply with this was reported to his office promptly, so the offenders could be apprehended, that his office was prepared to enforce this.

At 5:40 P. M., Councilman Jahn joined the meeting.

Councilman Beasley amended his motion, moving to refer this draft of an Ordinance to the City Attorney and the City License Inspector to study and see what can be done with the laws now on the books.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Jahn reported to the Council some of the objectionable features of the material as it is now distributed, concurring with the letter of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners' Association.

At the request of Mayor Isen, and as a courtesy, the City Clerk read in full at this time the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3479

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
COMMENDING GARY RICE FOR WINNING HONORABLE MENTION IN
THE 1958 NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC MAGAZINE WRITING AWARDS.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3479.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale presented an executed copy of the Resolution to Gary Rice, who was present, and extended to him the felicitations of the Council.

5. A communication headed 'Request of Miscellaneous Employees Organization' contained the requests of that organization for the improvement of various employment matters.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone was present to talk to the Council about this.

The City Manager reported he had met with representatives of this group and of the Torrance Police and Fire Wage & Benefit Committee, who had a communication on the Agenda following this. He had believed that the matters submitted were of a type which should be given to the Council for study and policy in connection with the tax rate, as well as the Budget for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Jonathan Dunmeyer, representing the miscellaneous employees, came forward. Mr. Dunmeyer reported that he represented 95% of the City's miscellaneous employees. He read the requests embodied in the

communication to the Council.

Mr. Dunmeyer pointed out that the cost of living has soared during the past year, and requested consideration of this fact.

6. A May 28, 1958, letter from the Torrance Police and Fire Wage & Benefit Committee was signed by David A. Cook and Albert M. Salcido, as Co-Chairmen of that Committee.

Both Mr. Cook and Mr. Salcido were present, and came forward to discuss and explain their letter. They made it clear that they represented only the police and firemen.

Councilman Jahn moved to refer both matters to the Budget study.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, who assured both groups that the requests would be studied and given consideration.

There were no objections, and the motion was ordered carried.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager when the Budget Hearings would be held, and the City Manager replied that the first Hearing would be held June 10, 1958.

Mr. Salcido said he and Mr. Cook would be present at that time to answer any questions the Council might have regarding their requests.

Councilman Drale felt that the 'shooting pay' and 'motor officer riding pay' were matters which should have the recommendation of the Department Head, rather than Council policy action.

Mayor Isen believed it would be in order for both the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief to make their recommendations to the City Manager or the City Council.

7. A May 24, 1958, letter from Vegas Airways, signed by David B. Stewart, concerned their proposal to lease additional property adjacent to that which they now lease at the Torrance Airport.

A memo from the City Manager stated this had been referred to Airport Manager Egan and the Airport Commission for their study and recommendation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. In a letter dated May 28, 1958, the City Manager submitted to the Council the following recommendations for their consideration and approval:

AWARD OF BIDS:

1. Recent bids for custodial supplies have been checked by Mr. Harry Van Bellehem and Mr. Guy Hight. They recommend that the bid on custodial supplies be awarded to the lowest bidder, Easterday Supply Co., with the exception of the following:

Item 47 be awarded to Fondren Company

Item 48 be awarded to Columbia Wax

Items 52 and 53 be awarded to Blake, Moffitt & Towne.

I concur with the above recommendation. Since the bid items cover four pages, they are not being submitted herewith.

2. That the bid of Parker Smith Construction Co., in the amount of \$1,100.00 for installation of sewers in Torrance Park, be accepted as the lowest responsible bid and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager under "AWARD OF BIDS".

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TO STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT:

" It is necessary that the City decide at once what share of the cost of power and maintenance in the proposed Street Lighting District will be borne by the City. I suggest that the City's contribution be 30% of these costs, construction costs to be borne entirely by the new areas that come into the District. This figure seems to be in keeping with that used by other cities. By such a contribution the City would continue to pay for the cost of lighting intersections in the District, as well as areas outside of the District."

The City Manager told the Council that it was necessary to adopt a policy on this very soon. He reported that the City of Los Angeles, in residential areas, contributes 26% of this cost; other cities contribute from 20 to 40% of such costs. He believed the City should pay for the intersection lighting, whether in or out of the District.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

WEED ABATEMENT:

The City Manager told the Council that a report had been prepared for the Council by Planning Director Powell on the way that neighboring cities use to abate the weed nuisance. He reported that a man who is in the business of clearing such properties as may harbor weeds was also present to answer questions if the Council wished to ask any.

Mr. Powell told the Council that he would prepare a written report on the plan for presentation at the next meeting of the Council if it is desired. He outlined three alternatives under which the properties in the City might be cleared of weeds by a contractor and the bills paid by the property owners.

Mr. Powell reported that the contractor would take the responsibility of seeing that every parcel in the City would be cleared and his method of collection.

Mr. Powell said that in case of a disputed bill, the City's representative in the program would have to serve as mediator. He outlined the method legal notification of the property owners of the need for weed removal.

Mr. Powell reported that specifications for this could be set up by the Council and could be sent for bids.

Councilman Beasley thought this plan should be considered by the City, citing the case of high weeds at Cravens and Post.

Councilman Jahn moved the Council go on record as favoring this type of program and requesting a written presentation on it at the next meeting of the Council.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and as there were no objections the motion was ordered carried.

2. With a letter dated May 27, 1958, the City Manager submitted to the Council a copy of the corrected job description for Assistant City Attorney for the information of the Council.

Councilman Blount took exception to that section of the job description requiring graduation from law school of a college or university of recognized standing, saying that admission to the California State Bar should be sufficient.

Assistant City Manager Don Mansfield pointed out that this did not exclude any of the State schools.

Councilman Blount moved to strike that phrase from the educational requirements of the job description.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.
 Councilman Jahn moved to approve the job description as corrected.
 Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

1. In a letter dated May 29, 1958, the Finance Director outlined the many problems his Department has in meeting our present pay dates of the 5th and 20th of each month. He suggested that the pay dates of City employees be changed, and submitted a proposed pay schedule for the rest of this year, with the recommendation that by the end of 1958, the pay dates be the 10th and 25th days of each month.

Mayor Isen asked if this would be inconsistent with the request of the miscellaneous employees that the City employees be paid on every second Friday.

The City Manager said it would, and that it would simply change our present pay dates. He understood that there are some cities which pay on every second Friday as requested by the miscellaneous employee.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Finance.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen noted that this was just to take care of the present problem.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. In a letter dated May 29, 1958, A. E. McVicar, Supt. of the Water Department, recommended installation of a 1,000,000 gallon water storage tank and a three-pump booster station at our #3 water well, located south of Sepulveda and west of Hawthorne Blvd.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with Mr. McVicar's recommendation.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion, and asked the City Manager if Mr. McVicar will consider the dedicated street there.

The City Manager replied that he was sure Mr. McVicar would do this.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. In a memo dated May 29, 1958, the License Inspector recommended that the request of the St. Catherine Laboure Church be granted a free license to hold their annual Carnival on the Church property at 3846 Redondo Beach Blvd. on June 14th and 15th, 1958. A copy of this group's application was enclosed.

2. A May 14, 1958, request from the Torrance Mounted Police, signed by Jack Phillips, Secretary, was for a free license to hold a parade and rodeo for the Torrance Ranchero Days, beginning July 23, 1958, and running through July 28th, 1958.

A memo from the License Inspector was appended, and recommended that the necessary free licenses be granted subject to the City Attorney's approval of the insurance coverage, and the City Manager's recommendation on the location.

3. The License Inspector reported receipt of a request from the Community Rehabilitation Industries of 1438 East Anaheim St., Long Beach, for a free license to solicit and pick up salvage material in the City of Torrance. His letter was dated May 29, 1958, and he appended his recommendation that this request be granted.

A memo from Assistant Chief of Police Porter reported that he had checked with the Long Beach Police and they highly recommend the organization.

4. Raymond W. Tibben, President, 21617 Linda Dr., Torrance, signed a May 22, 1958, request from the Southwood National Little League for a free license to operate a concession stand at their ball park on Henrietta Street.

License Inspector Whitacre, in a memo appended to the letter, recommended this request be granted for the balance of the year subject to the health permit being obtained. He reported that this ball park is located at approximately 20921 Henrietta Street.

Councilman Benstead moved that all four of these requests be granted, in concurrence with the recommendations of the License Inspector and the Chief of Police where required.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 6:25 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, and the Council re-convened at 6:35 P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LIBRARY COMMISSION:

1. With a short letter dated May 21, 1958, signed by C. Humphreys, the Library Commission submitted to the Council their report on either an independent library system or the County District plan. The majority of the Commission felt that Torrance should join the County Library District, and the minority submitted a report giving their reasons for believing we should establish an independent, city-operated library system.

Mayor Isen reported a discussion he had held with the City Manager during which they had agreed it would be wise to ask for an extension of one more year under our present contract with the County.

Councilman Jahn said he would oppose such a plan.

Councilman Drale thought there should be about \$6,000 left in the fund raised by our library tax of last year, and he moved this be set up in the budget hearings for obtaining a library building site in west Torrance.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Mayor Isen felt our entire library system to be inadequate.

Councilman Beasley felt a library on the Civic Center site would be near the west Torrance section.

Mayor Isen felt the whole idea on library systems in our City should be very carefully evaluated.

There were no objections to the motion, and it was ordered carried.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt the minority report submitted by the Library Commission as the policy of the Council.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, who said he thought this would indicate the feeling of the Council that we should break away from the County system when the time comes.

Mayor Isen thought it meant we should break away this year.

Councilman Jahn said it meant when our contract expires; he pointed out we have no assurance that they will extend the contract.

Mr. Hansen of the Library Commission, who was present, reported that our present contract with the Council expires July 1, 1959.

Mayor Isen expressed his hope we could get this extended for one more year, to July, 1960.

Councilman Jahn moved to amend his motion so that in the event the contract can be renewed on the same level we not break away at this time, but go ahead on our own if it cannot.

Councilman Beasley accepted the amendment in his second to the motion.

Mayor Isen moved to table the motion for not more than two weeks.

Councilman Benstead seconded the motion to table.

Mayor Isen said he felt the Council should request the City Manager to negotiate and see if there is a chance the contract can

be renewed.

The City Manager reported he would only be able to get an opinion from the County Librarian and perhaps from the County Administrator. He said this is a policy matter which must be finally decided by the Board of Supervisors. He stated he would be glad to try to get an opinion from the Librarian and the Administrator.

Mayor Isen thought perhaps those gentlemen could make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Councilman Jahn moved the question.

Motion to table carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale asked for more clarification of Item 1 in the Special Report of the Library Commission dated May, 1958, being a majority opinion of the Commission. He pointed out that in this there was an allusion to a cost of \$25 per square foot for the 12,000 sq. ft. regional library which the County has offered to build in the Torrance Civic Center. He wanted to know if the expense of that building would be borne by the City of Torrance.

The City Manager said it would be borne by the District.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that the County Library District could tax as much as 15¢, and if we ever went into that District, we would have to buy that building. He felt that by tabling his motion the Council had closed the door on something we should know about.

Mayor Isen moved that the City Manager be instructed to contact the County Librarian and the County Administrator to see if they think we could get our library contract extended for one more year to July, 1960.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Hansen told the Council that the City of Downey has gone ahead and instituted their own program in two months.

Mrs. Jamieson, our City Librarian, told the Council that the City of Downey has proceeded, but said what they have done would not meet our requirements in any way.

Mayor Isen referred to a study on libraries called the 'Moran Study', but Councilman Jahn said the City of South Gate, covered by the Study, belongs to a District.

Mayor Isen renewed his motion asking the City Manager to see what he could find out about extension of our contract as covered in his motion which failed.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that the gentlemen named had no authority to give such information.

Councilman Benstead seconded the Mayor's motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Drale, Jahn.

Councilman Beasley moved the Council go on record as being in favor of the principles of the minority report subject to further consideration at budget time and the information the City Manager has been asked to secure.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen stated that in principle he thought he favored the minority report, but said he wanted to study this more.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. A May 29, 1958, letter from the Park & Recreation Commission, signed by Lawrence A. Gitschier, Chairman Pro Tem, transmitted to the Council that Commission's recommendation that up to \$1,500 be budgeted this year to do basic master plans for Los Arboles, La Romeria, and Paradise parks.

Councilman Blount noted that the Commission had made this recommendation after a conference with Mr. William Woollett, and asked if this meant Mr. Woollett would be retained by the City to do these master plans.

The City Manager was not sure.

Councilman Blount stated he had not been satisfied with other work Mr. Woollett did for the City, and would not favor giving him another contract.

Councilman Jahn asked if it was not likely this would go out to bid, saying that would be his conclusion after reading the second paragraph of the letter.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park & Recreation Commission with the stipulation that if the budget does include the \$1500 item, bids be taken on the specifications for the preparation of these master plans, subject to Council approval.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Drale asked if there was not someone in the Engineering Department qualified to do this work.

Mayor Isen said he would prefer to see the money spent for planting if that were possible, but as there were no objections, the motion was ordered carried.

Councilman Drale pointed out that the Torrance Park, one of our most attractive parks, had been developed without a plan.

Councilman Beasley asked the City Manager if Mr. Van Bellehem did not feel qualified to draw the master plans for these parks.

The City Manager believed Mr. Van Bellehem would prefer to have a professional prepare the plans.

Asst. Park Supt. Clemmer was present, and told the Council he thought it better to have master plans prepared for the parks before development was begun on them, and that he thought such plans should be prepared by professionals.

Mrs. Madge Doran, President of the Mother's Club at McMaster Park thanked the Council for the fire engine donated to the children there, and said it has been a very popular addition to the park. She invited the Council to attend the ceremonies planned for the dedication of this truck.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. The City Engineer re-submitted his letter of May 22, 1958, recommending the release of Bond No. 1744173 in the amount of \$120,000 to the Torrance Vista subdivider. A letter from Casper Clemmer, Asst. Park Supt., dated May 29, 1958, concurred, saying the trees had been inspected on May 20, and found to be in accord with the requirements of our 'Tree Ordinance'.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. In a letter dated May 29, 1958, the City Engineer submitted to the Council the recommendations of the Staff on a communication from the Metropolitan Transportation Engineering Board. This letter had been referred to the Staff by the Council from their meeting of April 29, 1958.

Councilman Jahn pointed out the Staff recommended many changes in the plan as it has been submitted by the Metropolitan Transportation Board; he did not construe any part of their Minutes to have shown concurrence with the Resolution submitted to us.

Mayor Isen suggested the Staff, with the help of the City Attorney, prepare a Resolution embodying their ideas.

Councilman Beasley said the Inter-Cities Highway Committee had considered this at their last meeting. They had disagreed with the

suggestions contained in the Resolution submitted by the Metropolitan Transportation Engineering Board.

Mayor Isen suggested that the re-written Resolution he had suggested be prepared by the Staff be submitted here, and that a copy of it be given to our delegate to the Inter-Cities Highway Committee.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Director of Public Works John Russell said the Staff would like to have the Council look at the sketches and maps available on this matter and give them an expression of the Council's beliefs on this.

Mayor Isen appointed Councilmen Dralle, Beasley, and Jahn as a Committee to meet with the Staff about the matter.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Messrs. Russell and Bishop agreed to meet with the Staff on Thursday of the week of June 9, at an hour late in the day.

3. A May 29, 1958, letter from the City Engineer contained a resume of a meeting held in the City Manager's office on May 28 with regard to the improvement of the intersection of Newton St. and Pacific Coast Highway at the Jump 'N Jack Restaurant. Those present at the meeting were Messrs. Jack Rogers, Geo. W. Stevens, John Russell, John Patrick and the City Engineer.

The results of the meeting were as follows:

a. Mr. Rogers agreed it was his responsibility to install curbs, gutters and sidewalks on the Pacific Coast Highway side of the restaurant, according to the approved plan and as per Item 6 of the Agreement between the City and Jack Rogers dated September 5, 1957, signed by Mr. Rogers and Mr. Russell (copy was submitted to Council tonight).

b. The representatives of the City agreed that a decisive effort should be made to obtain the point of land, some 60' long, at the end of the Standard Oil Co. station where Newton St. meets Pacific Coast Highway, in order to open up the intersection - according to the approved drawing, print of which will be presented at your meeting Monday, June 2, 1958.

c. It was noted that easement forms for this point of land were mailed to the Standard Oil Co. of California, lease holders, on January 9, 1958. They, in turn, passed them on to George Denbo, fee title owner. Mr. Denbo placed the matter in the hands of his attorney who has advised that the land is worth \$1500. It was the recommendation of the meeting that the City take steps to condemn this parcel of land for immediate possession and proceed to reconstruct the curb, approximately 40' westerly of where it is now, in order to open the intersection and to construct the channeling island, all according to said approved plan.

d. Standard Oil Co. is on record that they would consider a quit-claim of their lease-hold interest.

e. Mr. Rogers agreed that he would start construction of his curb, gutter and sidewalk upon the acquisition of the corner parcel by the City.

Councilman Jahn referred to Item d and asked why we must wait on this, if they are willing to give us the quit-claim of their lease-hold interest.

Mr. Russell said when the agreement was made, we had thought to have a vacation there and an easement, but now Mr. Denbo wants to sell the land to us.

Councilman Jahn pointed out the curb and gutter will be on the south side of the street, and said he could not see why this had to be held up.

Mr. Russell explained that the improvements would cut down the width of the intersection, leaving it just 29' wide there.

Mayor Isen said he would like to see the conditions of the agreement made with Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Russell said when that was made we had thought we would get an easement there.

Councilman Drale pointed out that Mr. Rogers had granted the City the 18 x 600' on Denny, and had made the agreement in good faith; he thought the City should keep their end of the agreement.

Mayor Isen requested to see the Minutes of the meeting when the agreement was made.

Councilman Jahn said he thought Mr. Denbo had based the value of his land on the Standard Oil Co. lease on it. He pointed out that Standard Oil is ready to quit-claim that portion of their lease-hold to the City; therefore he moved to acquire from Standard Oil the quit-claim they have agreed to give us on their lease-hold and enter into a suit for condemnation against the property after we have that.

City Engineer Bishop explained they would quit-claim this to us after the fee owner has agreed.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion.

The City Attorney explained that if the Council does not wish to enter into court proceedings, they must have the quit-claim deed; the City would have to have an instrument amounting to a quit-claim or disowner. He believed we should have the legal document before starting this.

Councilman Jahn said we would only be establishing a value on the property to Mr. Denbo. Without the Standard Oil lease on the property, he was sure the land would not be appraised as being worth \$1500.00, and he did not think it would ever go to court.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said that was a policy matter, but he did not want any of the City Councilmen to think this was a legal disclaimer.

Mayor Isen repeated that he would like to see a copy of the terms and conditions under which the City Council approved this in the beginning.

Councilman Blount pointed out that a copy of the agreement signed by Messrs. Rogers and Russell, dated September 5, 1957, was submitted tonight.

Mayor Isen wanted the minutes of the meeting when this agreement was approved by the Council.

Councilman Beasley said he would like to see the approved exhibit.

Councilman Jahn moved to rescind his motion until the whole matter is cleared up.

Councilman Beasley withdrew his second to the motion.

Mayor Isen asked Assistant City Manager Mansfield if it would be possible to put this back on the Agenda with the exhibits and the Minutes of that meeting, saying he would like to have at least a week to study it.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered, with the Assistant City Manager to give each Councilman this material.

Mayor Isen directed Messrs. Russell and Bishop to attempt to get a quit-claim deed or letter which might serve our need from the Standard Oil Company.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. In a letter dated May 29, 1958, the City Attorney submitted to the Council a report as requested by Councilman Jahn at the meeting of the Council on May 13, 1958; this was concerning a letter to the City of Torrance from Pacific Indemnity Co., dated May 2, 1958, in which they stated that Pacific Indemnity Co. was of the opinion that the City of Torrance was not covered under its insurance policy for the claims referred to, presumably those involving the Hollywood Riviera and Earl Street flood damage.

Mr. Remelmeyer outlined the steps he has taken to date on these matters, and stated that if claims are filed against the City in the matters and Pacific Indemnity takes that position, we should contest

their conclusion and inform them that we shall hold them liable for any damages, including reasonable attorneys' fees, which we may suffer in the event that we lose the aforesaid actions.

There were no objections, and this report was ordered filed.

RESOLUTIONS:

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3474

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND HARBOR CARS, INC., GRANTING EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE FOR OPERATING A DRIVE-YOURSELF PASSENGER CAR SERVICE AT THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn understood that another similar service might be interested in putting a 'Rent a Plane' service at our Airport, and that if they did they would want to have one of their own cars there to service it; for that reason he was not sure this agreement would serve the interests of the City.

Councilman Blount thought the agreement did not name Avis.

Councilman Bradford explained that Harbor Cars, Inc., is an Avis licensee.

The City Attorney said Avis was specified in the agreement.

Councilman Benstead moved to hold this over for a week so Mr. Egan can come back with some information on this.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Councilman Bradford questioned whether it was wise to let such an exclusive franchise on the Airport, saying he thought it might be better to have bids from several companies to see what they would offer.

Councilman Benstead agreed, but felt that rentals should be kept at a reasonable figure for this service.

Mayor Isen said we should not go further into this until we have had the information from the Airport Manager which has been requested.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3476

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND JACK T. TANNER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LIBRARY BUILDING IN EL RETIRO PARK.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3476.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3477

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE AN EASEMENT FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL PURPOSES ON A PORTION OF BLOCK 116 OF THE TORRANCE TRACT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME FOR THE HEARING THEREON AND FOR NOTICE THEREOF; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 3440 RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3477.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3478

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND VEGAS AIRWAYS, INC., FOR THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO DISPENSE GASOLINE AND OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3478.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

The City Attorney reported to the Council that the agreement has been drafted based on the letter from Vegas to the Council; it was accepted by the Council, but has not been accepted by Vegas. He has made a provision under which they will pay 3% to the City on all petroleum products other than gasoline and oil which they sell at the Airport.

Councilman Benstead asked if all our other contracts there were written this way.

The City Attorney replied he believed this would become basic in all such agreements.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale reported he voted against this because he had thought the City received more from gasoline sales on the old agreement.

It was explained to him by the City Attorney that this was not correct.

ORDINANCES:

City Clerk Bartlett submitted to the Council, with a cover letter dated May 29, 1958, for its second reading Ordinance No. 989. This Ordinance was approved at its first reading by a vote of five to one, with Councilman Drale voting no, and Councilman Bradford absent.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 989

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 143 TO 168, INCLUSIVE, OF TRACT 18379 (PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 498).

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 989 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

With a letter dated May 28, 1958, the City Attorney submitted for its first reading an Ordinance for approval for the purpose of grouping all commissions in one chapter for a more logical organization of the portion of the Code pertaining to administration matters. He stated this was an opportune time to shuffle these sections because they were formerly a portion of the Airport Ordinance which was rewritten and adopted by the City Council on February 4, 1958. The City Attorney reported there had been no change in the provisions whatsoever, merely a relocation of them.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 990

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CERTAIN SECTIONS TO CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 990 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. City Manager Stevens recommended that City Engineer Bishop be authorized to attend the Biennial Western Regional American Public Work Convention in San Diego, June 15-18 inclusive, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur and that the necessary appropriation be made.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens reported that in March Mr. Joe Davis had requested permission to erect a shoe shine stand on the parking lot adjacent to the old City Hall. He had been told to plan it to meet Mr. Schlens's approval and bring it back here. Mr. Schlens said Mr. Davis must get to work very soon. He has built a pretty nice looking little stand, which will be completed during the week.

Mr. Schlens believed Mr. Davis's stand would meet the requirements of the City Council.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the shoe shine stand so Mr. Davis could get his license and open the stand for business.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen reported he had received a call from Snowden Chambers of the United States Information Office last Friday concerning the 'People to People' program, which the Mayor described to the audience. This program is prepared to try to explain the American way of life to people in other countries. Mr. Chambers had requested that the Mayor call a meeting of representative groups in the City to meet with a representative of that Office from Washington to discuss this. Mayor Isen had confirmed the fact that the Council Chambers will not be in use on June 9, and he suggested that date for such a meeting.

Mr. Hank Bates of Hollywood Riviera spoke to the Council about the Ordinance being prepared to regulate the keeping of pets in the City. He said the National Retail Pet Supply Association, who have helped other cities prepare Ordinances of this sort, stands ready to help us with our Ordinance.

Mayor Isen suggested to Mr. Bates that he might forward that information to the City Attorney. Mayor Isen also told Mr. Bates that copies of the Ordinance would be available before the revised version comes to the Council.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P. M.



A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City
of Torrance, California

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance